

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5 and 11 have been canceled.

Claims 2, 4, 6, 9-10 and 12-14 have been amended.

Claims 2-4, 6-10 and 12-15 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicated that Claim 15 is allowed. The Office Action further indicated that Claims 6-8 and 14 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has placed Claim 6 in independent form, including the limitations of base Claim 1 and intervening Claim 5, which has been canceled. Claims 7-8 depend from Claim 6. Claims 2-4 and 7-10 have either been amended to depend from Claim 6, or already depend from Claim 6. Claim 14 has been placed in independent form, including the limitations of base Claim 11, which has been canceled. Claims 12-13 have been amended to depend from Claim 14. Therefore, all pending Claims 2-4, 6-10 and 12-15 are deemed allowable.

Claim Rejections

35 U.S.C. §102

The Office Action rejected Claims 1-3, 5 and 9-10 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Trumbauer et al (US 5,820,084. Applicant submits that the rejection is moot because Claims 1 and 5 have been canceled and Claims 9-10 have been amended to depend from Claim 6, which has been placed in independent form and is now allowable.

35 U.S.C. §103

The Office Action rejected Claims 4 and 11-13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Trumbauer in view of Straham et al (US 6,442,759). Applicant submits that the rejection is now moot because Claim 4 has been amended to depend from allowable Claim 6, Claim 11 has been canceled and Claims 12-13 have been amended to depend from Claim 14, which has been placed in independent form and is now allowable.

If Examiner has any questions regarding this document, Applicant asks that Examiner contact the undersigned immediately by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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